AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the first paragraph at page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation of co-pending application no. 09/967,372, filed September 28, 2001, which is a continuation of application no. 09/548,825, filed April 13, 2000, now abandoned, which is a continuation of 08/611,699, filed March 6, 1996, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of application no. 08/192,874 filed February 7, 1994, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of application no. 07/836,043 filed February 12, 1992, now abandoned.

Replace the paragraph at page 9, lines 2-4, after Example 5 with the following amended paragraph:

~~Se z~~Zeolite Y, rare-earth-exchanged, acidic zeolite Y with a ratio of SiO_2 to Al_2O_3 of 4.9 and a degree of exchange of approx. 70%

Replace the paragraph at page 9, lines 12-14, after Example 6 with the following amended paragraph:

~~Se z~~Zeolite Y, rare-earth-exchanged, acidic zeolite Y with a ratio of SiO_2 to Al_2O_3 of 4.9 and a degree of exchange of approx. 90%